

Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on January 5, 2016, at 2111 W. Vernal Pike.

Board members present were Barbara McKinney, Vic Kelson, and Kim Alexander. Also present were Trustee Lillian Henegar, Fire Chief Faron Livingston, Deputy Fire Chief Joel Bomgardner, and Deputy Trustee Lisa Myers.

BOARD ORGANIZATION

Barbara nominated Kim as board president for 2016. Vic seconded the nomination. Barbara nominated Vic as board secretary for 2016. Kim seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations. Both officers were unanimously elected.

Barbara moved, and Vic seconded, to elect Kim and Vic as board of finance officers for 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

Kim moved, and Vic seconded, to keep Board meeting minutes at the Township Office rather than make the board president responsible for them. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA

Kim moved to accept the agenda as presented. Barbara seconded, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Barbara moved to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2015, board meeting as presented. Vic seconded, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Conflict of Interest Statements: Vic moved and Kim seconded to accept the conflict of interest statements from Barbara McKinney and Joel Bomgardner. Motion passed. Barbara and Joel signed the conflict of interest statements.

Review Township Investment Summary: Lisa explained the handout regarding the cash and investments of the Township. Currently, the Township has no investments and maintains three (3) accounts at two (2) local banks. Interest rates are still low but have improved over the last few years. Lisa reminded the Board that the savings account balance includes the loan proceeds for the purchase of the fire tanker truck.

Indiana State Directive – Policy on Materiality: The State Examiner for the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) has issued a directive stating we must establish a materiality threshold for reporting losses or shortages in cash or equipment to the SBOA. If we do not establish a policy,

then any amount over \$0 must be reported to the SBOA. A dollar limit must be established for both cash and non-cash items. Lisa stated her preference for the cash limit would be a small amount such as \$25, but no more than \$100. Lisa reported that the Indiana Township Association (ITA) has recommended amounts of \$500 for cash and \$2000 for non-cash items. The Board will consider their preferences and we will re-visit this at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORTS

Trustee: Lillian directed attention to the cash balance report. In an attempt to increase transparency, a new version has been created to show actual bank balances along with cash balances. The Board agreed they prefer the new version and asked that a date be added.

Lillian highlighted the statistics for the food pantry and township assistance appointments. Vic questioned how the pantry is stocked and the food sources were discussed

Lillian reported that Rosie's Place has a bed bug infestation. New Hope Family Shelter is handling the treatment costs and cleaning.

Lillian discussed the ongoing Central Dispatch issues and reported that the City of Bloomington has agreed to pay for the toner function.

The potential tax revenues and rates were discussed in relation to the creation of the Northern Monroe County Fire Territory.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11.

Vic Kelson, Secretary